

REMARKS

Receipt is acknowledged of the Office Action mailed April 25, 2005. Claims 1-13 were pending in the application. Claim 1 is requested to be cancelled. Claims 6-13 have been withdrawn in response to a Restriction Requirement. Claims 2-5 are currently being amended. No new matter is added with the amendments, which is not fully supported by the specification.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the remarks that follow. Applicant wishes to express applicant's appreciation to the Examiner in acknowledging the priority documents which have been placed of record in the file and for the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 15, 2003.

Additionally, Applicant wishes to express applicant's appreciation to the Examiner for indicating that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 set forth in the Office Action. In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, Applicant has amended claim 2 to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 set forth in the Office Action. Moreover, Applicant has canceled claim 1 and incorporated the several limitations of claim 1 into claim 2, which is now presented in independent form. Claims 3-5 have been amended to now depend from amended claim 2. Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims 2-5 are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

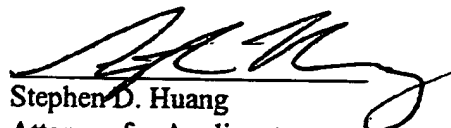
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is authorized to credit any over payment or charge any deficiency to deposit account number 08-1641.

Respectfully submitted,

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